(ബി) ഉണ്ടായെങ്കിൽ എന്ത്സ്പെഷ്യൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും പകരം ആരെയാണ് അക്കൌണ്ടൻറ് ജനറാളുടെ ആഫീസിലേക്ക് മാറിയത്;

(സി) അക്കൌണ്ടൻറ് ജനറാളുടെ ആഫീസിൽ മിസ്റ്റർ കൃഷ്ണൻറെ ഒഫിഷ്യേറിങ് പീരീഡ് എന്നാണ് ശരിക്ക അവസാനിക്കേണ്ടിയിരുന്നത്;

(ഡി) സ്പെഷ്യൽ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെണ്ടിലേക്ക് മാറിയപ്പോൾ മിസ്റ്റർ കൃഷ്ണൻ ഉദ്യോഗത്തിൽനിന്നും എന്തു പുറത്തുപോയി?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. എ. ഔസേപ്പ്

(എ) ഉവ്വ്.

(ബി) മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എം ഉക്കുവിനെ.

(സി) ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്ന് മാറിയ അവസരത്തിൽ മിസ്റ്റർ കൃഷ്ണൻറെ ഉദ്യോഗകാലാവധി എപ്രകാരമാണ് അവസാനംവരെയായിരുന്നു.

(ഡി) എപ്രകാരം മിഥുനം എന്നാണ്-യിൽ.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. കൊച്ചുകുട്ടൻ: ഇതു മാതിരി എത്രപേരെയാണ് ആ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറിൽനിന്നും മറ്റു ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെൻറുകളിലേയ്ക്കു മാറിയിട്ടുള്ളത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. എ. ഔസേപ്പ്: പല മാറ്റങ്ങളും ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ട്. എത്രപേരെയാണ് മാറിയതു എന്നു പറയാൻ സാദ്ധ്യമല്ല.

2. ADJOURNMENT MOTION

President : I have received notice of a motion for adjournment of the business of the House from Mr. C. V. Iyyu. Unfortunately this was received a few minutes after the meeting had commenced. Standing Order 13 (2), which is mandatory, reads like this:—"But the member asking for the leave must, before the commencement of the sitting at which he intends to move it, leave with the President a written statement of the matter proposed to be discussed".

It is only after the commencement of the meeting that the adjournment motion was received.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : I beg to draw the attention of the Hon'ble President to S.O. 13 (1) which is like this:

> "Leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the business of the Assembly for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance may be asked, for, after questions and before the list of business for the day is entered upon".

This motion cannot be made before the commencement of the meeting since this is about the continued absence of the Ex-Ministers. The only possibility is to move it at the proper time under S.O. 13 (1). So I request the Hon'ble President to allow this motion.

Mr. President: Apart from the other rspects of the case the rule is clear on the point that "the member asking for the leave must, before the commencement of the sitting at which he intends to move it, leave with the President a written statement of the matter proposed to be "discussed", unless of course the catastrophy is such that this incident must have happened during the question hour.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : Sir, it is almost like that. This is the last day of the Session and the question hour is now over. Between the commencement of the meeting and by the time the question hour is over Iw aited patiently.

Mr. President : The motion is with regard to the continued absence for a number of days.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : I want to give them the last chance.

Mr. President : As the motion was received only after the commencement of the meeting it is ruled out of order and, therefore, it is not admitted.

Ruled out

3. CONDOLENCE MOTION ON THE DEMISE OF MR.A. F. W. DIXON

Mr. President : As the House is aware, I am to move this motion about the demise of Mr. A. F. W. Dixon, who was the Diwan of the State some time back as well as the President of the Legislative Council of the time. Mr. Dixon, as Hon'ble Members, know, was a distinguished member of the Civil Service and he was famous for a great achievement, viz,, the way in which he worked the prohibition scheme at Salem as the Special Prohibition Officer in that place. That was the time when prohibition was introduced for the first time and he worked this out very successfully at Salem. After Sir Shanmukham Chetty ceased to be the Diwan here Mr. Dixon succeeded him and he was the Diwan as well as the President of the Legislative Council for two years. He guided the destinies of the State during a very critical period, *i.e.*, during the

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[Mr. President.]

period of war. Those two years period was a critical one not only for us but for the whole world and the enthusiasm which he showed in the war effort and the impetus which he gave to every aspect of war effort earned for him the name, (A. F. W.) All For War Dixon. The greatest achievement of his administration was the introduction of the food rationing schemes. In that field he was almost a pioneer and the Hon'ble Members could very well remember the great ability with which he tackled that problem, how he was very keen in seeing that food did not fail in this State and the various negotiations which he conducted in this respect and Cochin was almost the first State where the rationing system was introduced owing to the efforts and the farsightedness of this Distinguished Officer.

Then subsequently he returned to the Indian Civil Service as a Member of the Board of Revenue and Commissioner of Civil Supplies and continued tackling the food problem of the Province as Commissioner of Civil Supplies. In August 1947, I think, he returned to England and then we heard the news last May that Dixon was no more. He had very great personal traits and was a perfect gentleman with a great sense of humour. I still remember him saying, when a party was given to him during one of the Sessions of the Council, that what he appreciated was the sense of humour that prevailed in this House. I hope that sense of humour will continue. In every way he was respected and loved and especially he is remembered for the great achievement in tackling the food problem of the State. Therefore, it is with great sorrow that I make this reference and the sorrow felt by this House is recorded and on your behalf I express the sentiment "MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE".

***Mr E Ikkanda Warriar** *(Prime Minister)*: Sir, I wish to associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Hon'ble President. I don't want to repeat all that has heen said but one great fact deserves repetition and that that is the drive and initiative which he actually showed in introducing the rationing system in the Cochin State. With what difficulty he introduced it and how he overcame all the difficulties and ultimately was able to create a system which can boast of having not failed even a single day, everybody in Cochin knows. It was a great relief for the poor and the considerations which he had for the poor would always be remembered. His work in other directions also, particularly in the prohibition work which he did in Salem, is well known. He was a man of great drive and initiative and he has shown it wherever he went and he did his work with all the sincerity that he could command. With these few words I associate myself with the motion moved by the Hon'ble President.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Sir, I also endorse every thing that was said before. My relations with Mr. A. F. W. Dixon was perhaps closer than that of any member of this House. No member of this House might have had a chance to know anything about the last days of his life.

Two or three days before his death I got a letter from Sir George Boag in which it was mentioned Mr. Dixon was seriously ill and that he was wishing to go to see Mr. Dixon. Three days after I read in the papers that Mr. Dixon has passedaway. About fifteen days after this incident I got a very touching letter from Mrs. Dixon that her husband Mr. Dixan was laid up fort a long time, that his over-work in India might have affected his healtb, that he continued to be for a long time in the nursing home and at last passed away peacefully. Till the last moment he bore his illness with fortitude. He had great mental peace and was ever conscious about his God. I think, I received the last letter from Mr. Dixon with Christmas & New year greetigs sent about the 15th of December from his newly purchased house with a photo of his house. You will be glad to note that he was able to purchass a new house in England and settling down with his wife and son at church Crookham, Hants somewhere about a few miles from London. The picture of his house which has every resemblance of the Prime Minister's present residence which was his residence while he was here with us. This picture was his last wish to me and a very valued chirstmas Present. That too was the last message which I had from him and perhaps the 2nd letter I had received since he left for England I wish to join with this House in expressing regret at his early demise, and pray to God that his good soul may rest in peace. I also request the Hon'ble President to communicate to Mrs. Dixon about the sentiments expressed in this House about the passing away of her husband who served this State so ably and usefully during the most critical time in the Histosy of this State.

All the members of the House stood up in silence for a minute as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Dixon

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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